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August 19, 2009

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman  
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From: William T Fujioka  
Chief Executive Officer

## **PROGRESS REPORT – POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

On October 7, 2008, your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich instructing the Chief Executive Office to develop recommendations to the Board within 30 days regarding the transfer of Alcohol and Drug Program Administration from the Department of Public Health (DPH) to the Department of Mental Health (DMH). On October 24, 2008, we advised that additional time would be necessary to complete a comprehensive analysis given the significance and potential impact of the proposed transfer. On July 1, 2009, we provided your Board an interim status report indicating that a workgroup of CEO and departmental staff was convened, background material applicable to this study was compiled, programs currently integrated within the two departments were examined, and we sought and evaluated opinions about potential issues, and provided the pros and cons of such a transfer. We also reported that we would be meeting with the DPH and DMH advisory commissions to allow the stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the issue.

This memorandum is to inform you that we met with the DPH and DMH advisory commissions, and at their meeting, the Mental Health Commission requested additional time to review the July 1, 2009 interim status report, and discuss it at their August 13, 2009 Executive Committee meeting. We anticipate receiving their comments shortly. Following our review of commission comments, we will complete our final analysis and anticipate submitting our final report to your Board by September 4, 2009.

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